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By: *Sam Butt*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sherer et al.

Application No.: Unassigned

Filed: Herewith

For: PROGRAMMED I/O ETHERNET
ADAPTER WITH EARLY
INTERRUPTIONS FOR
ACCELERATING DATA TRANSFER

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1 ~~1. A data communications adapter apparatus for coupling a host computer to a~~
2 ~~computer network employing communications media, the adapter comprising:~~
3 ~~ethernet control circuitry;~~
4 ~~a host interface configured to exchange data with said host computer;~~
5 ~~a transceiver coupled to receive and transmit data over the media;~~
6 ~~a transmit data buffer coupled to said host interface;~~

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